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Sir:

Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 Forms on February 19, 2004, and September 17, 2004. However, the Examiner has not yet returned an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form to indicate that the documents listed thereon were considered by the Examiner.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the attached PTO-1449 Forms filed on February 19, 2004, and September 17, 2004.

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